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In re Application of: )  
YOSHIHIRO ISHIBE )  
Application No.: 09/774,125 )  
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For: LIGHT SCANNING OPTICAL )  
SYSTEM, OPTICAL SCANNING )  
APPARATUS AND IMAGE )  
FORMING APPARATUS USING )  
THE SAME )

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant  
respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the  
documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A  
copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) Japan 6-18800
- (2) Japan 7-27991
- (3) Japan 10-20230
- (4) Japan 11-242179
- (5) Europe 816,894

Reference (1) was discussed in the specification at  
page 8, lines 12 to 24; reference (2) was discussed in the  
specification at page 9, lines 6 to 17; reference (3) was  
discussed in the specification at page 10, lines 10 to 23,

and reference (4) was discussed in the specification at page 11, lines 8 to 15. These references might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein.

European Patent Application No. 816,894 is believed to be an English language equivalent of Japan 10-20230.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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